



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021**

**7:00PM ET VIP Reception | 7:30PM ET Program | Virtual**

The [Global Down Syndrome Foundation](http://www.globaldownsyndrome.org) (GLOBAL) is the largest non-profit in the U.S. working to save lives and dramatically improve health outcomes for people with Down syndrome. GLOBAL directly supports over 200 scientists and 2,000 patients with Down syndrome. Working closely with Congress and the National Institutes of Health, GLOBAL is the lead advocacy organization in the U.S. for Down syndrome research and medical care.

Given that people with Down syndrome are at extremely high risk for COVID-19 (adults with Down syndrome are four times more likely to be hospitalized and 10 times more likely to develop adverse side effects due to COVID-19) we have decided to hold our 2021 *AcceptAbility* Gala virtually.

GLOBAL's annual *AcceptAbility Gala* brings together policymakers from both sides of the aisle, key scientists from NIH, and our Down syndrome community. YOUR support for this inspiring event allows GLOBAL to protect people with Down syndrome from COVID-19; provide world-class care to over 2,000 patients with Down syndrome from 28 states and 10 countries; and fund over 200 scientists working on Down syndrome research with a focus on Alzheimer's disease, cancer, and autoimmune disorders. With support from you and our champions, GLOBAL's advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill has resulted in a tripling of the NIH Down syndrome research budget, as well as outreach to over 14,000 families.

**2021 HONOREES, COMMITTEES & SPECIAL GUESTS**

Ambassador:

**Caroline Cardenas**

Quincy Jones Awardees:

**Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)**

**Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler (R-WA)**

Finance Committee (in formation):

**David Egan**

**Natalie Farr**

**Erin Book Mullen**

**Matthew Perin**

**Cliff Riccio**

**Julie Riccio**

**Marissa Watkins**

**Amy Best Weiss**

Past Years' Hosts (2021 in formation):

**Senator Roy Blunt**

**Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton**

**Representative Cheri Bustos**

**Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers**

**Representative Tom Cole**

**Representative Rosa DeLauro**

**Representative Pete Stauber**

Honorary Committee Past Years' Hosts (2021 in formation)

**Representative Troy Balderson**

**Representative Ron Estes**

**Senator Chris Murphy**

**Senator Michael F. Bennet**

**Representative Sheila Jackson Lee**

**Representative Joe Neguse**

**Representative Michael Burgess, MD**

**Representative Jim Himes**

**Representative Ed Perlmutter**

**Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr**

**Senator Ron Johnson**

**Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer**

**Representative Katherine Clark**

**Representative Doug Lamborn**

**Senator Chris Van Hollen**

**Senator Steve Daines**

**Representative Barbara Lee**

**Senator Elizabeth Warren**

**Representative Diana DeGette**

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*Music Icon Gladys Knight & Ambassador Alex Sessions*

Musical Entertainment & Special Guest:  
**Headliner TBD – Will be announced soon**

**Dance Performances by Rhythm Xpress & Robert Wallop**

Emcees:

**Kyra Phillips, ABC News Correspondent  
John Roberts, Fox News Channel Anchor**

### ***PAST QUINCY JONES EXCEPTIONAL ADVOCACY AWARD HONOREES***

**Quincy Jones**, Music Icon  
**DeOndra Dixon**, Dancer, Self-Advocate  
**Timothy P. Shriver**, Chairman of Special Olympics  
**Patrick Kennedy**, Former U.S. Representative  
**Karen Gaffney**, Champion Swimmer, Self-Advocate  
**John C. McGinley**, Award-Winning Actor  
**Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers**  
**Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton**  
**Former Congressman Pete Sessions**  
**Sujeet Desai**, International Musician, Self-Advocate  
**Jamie Foxx**, Academy Award & Grammy Award Winner  
**Tim Harris**, Business Owner, Self-Advocate  
**Luke Zimmerman**, Actor, Self-Advocate  
**Kyra Phillips**, Award-Winning Journalist  
**Former U.S. Senator Tom Harkin**  
**Congressman Chris Van Hollen**  
**Senator Jerry Moran**  
**Beverly Johnson**, Supermodel

**Brad Hennefer**, Golfer, Self-Advocate  
**Anna and John J Sie**, Cable TV Pioneers  
**Jamie Brewer**, Actress, Self-Advocate  
**Frank Stephens**, Author, Actor, Advocate  
**Eva Longoria**, Award-Winning Actress  
**Madeline Stuart**, Model, Self-Advocate  
**Congressman Tom Cole**  
**Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro**  
**Colin Farrell**, Award-Winning Actor  
**Zack Gottsagen**, Actor, “The Peanut Butter Falcon,” Self-Advocate  
**Congresswoman Cheri Bustos**  
**Senator Roy Blunt**  
**Amanda Booth**, Supermodel, Actress  
**Megan Bomgaars**, Actress, Self-Advocate  
**Caterina Scorsone**, Award-Winning Actress  
**Marián Ávila**, Model, Self-Advocate

### ***PAST GLOBAL AMBASSADOR HONOREES***

<b>Sophia Kay Whitten</b>	<b>Steven Dulcie</b>	<b>Frank Stephens</b>
<b>Chase Turner Perry</b>	<b>Katherine Felicia Norton</b>	<b>Sam Levin</b>
<b>Katherine Winfield</b>	<b>Clarissa Capuano</b>	<b>CC Mullen</b>
<b>DeOndra Dixon</b>	<b>Louis Rotella IV</b>	<b>Charlotte Fonfara-LaRose</b>
<b>Samantha Stevens</b>	<b>Marcus Sikora</b>	<b>Walt Snodgrass</b>
<b>Alex Sessions Cole Rodgers</b>		



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